(c) whether the survey estimates the monetary value of petty corruption at a whopping Rs. 21,800 crores a year;

(d) whether Bihar is rated most corrupt State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith remedial measures taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (d) the study undertaken by Transparency International India in alliance with Centre for Media Studies is based on a survey done on 14,405 respondents in 20 states and covers 11 services. The key highlights of the study including ranking of various services based on Corruption Index, reasons for corruption and monitory value of the corruption estimated in the study have been published by the Transparency International India, New Delhi under the title India Corruption Study, 2005 to Improve Governance.

(e) Several steps have already been taken in order to remove corruption; and to improve administrative functioning. Important among them are: enacting the Right to Information Act, 2005; Notification of the Whistle Blowers Resolution 2004; the pro-active involvement of Ministry/ Department through Annual Action Plan on Vigilance; issue of comprehensive instructions on transparency in tendering and contracting processes by the CVC; enactment of CVC Act and strengthening the CBI to discharge its anti corruption work; increased use of Information and Communication Technology; introduction of Citizens Charters and simplifications of procedures and systems etc.

Cases Registered by CBI for Departmental Enquiries

3191. SHRI R. K. ANAND: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CBI had registered 35 departmental enquiries in 2004;

(b) if so, whether out of them 11 are against Gazetted Officers including DIG and SPs;

(c) whether legal officers, Public Prosecutors and legal advisors are also involved in it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) During the year 2004, a total of 30 departmental enquiries were initiated by CBI against it's own officers.

(b) Out of the 30 departmental enquiries 8 were against Gazetted Officers including 2 departmental enquiries against Superintendents of Police. There was no departmental enquiries against any officer of the rank of DIG.

(c) Departmental enquiries against 1 Deputy Legal Advisor and 1 Senior Public Prosecutor have been initiated during the year 2004.

(d) The charges against Deputy Legal Advisor and Senior Public Prosecutor pertain to ignoring shortcoming in FIR while verifying it, submitting Court diary without attending Court on hearing date and submission of misleading information.

Seniority of Stenographers

3192. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Staff Selection Commission has taken action to process the seniority of candidates who qualified SSC Stenographers Grade-D and Clerks Examination and nominated in various departments;

(b) if so, the details thereof, Department-wise;

(c) whether SSC has the recruitment related records of those candidates who qualified the SSC Stenographer Grade-D Examination and Clerk Grade Examination in various years;

(d) if so, whether SSC is facing any difficulty in reprocessing the seniority;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of the criteria for preparing seniority list of Stenographer Grade-D?